

Customer Service
Land, Planning and Building Services Shopfront
8 Darling Street,
MITCHELL ACT 2911

Dear Mr Ponton

DA202038092 – Block: 2 Section: 180 (Building 2) – Corner Melrose Drive and Corinna St Phillip

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposal. While the Woden Valley Community Council (WVCC) welcomes development in the Woden Town Centre, we want it to be done well for the quality of life of all people living in the Town Centre's large catchment across Canberra's south.

This 16 storey (184 apartments) development is the second of 4 towers (480 apartments in 3 residential towers and 1 commercial tower).

Our primary concerns are parking on the ground floor, overshadowing the pocket park and car access to the future developments from Furzer St.

The development should be designed to ensure the ground level is integrated with its surrounds, creating character and an area where people want to be to meet and participate in activities in both public and commercial spaces. Ground floor community activities interfaced with wide pedestrian pavements, attractive green spaces and large canopy trees encourage people to linger and enjoy the local community.

Unfortunately, the ground floor is a car park. See Attachment A.

The height and scale of buildings 2 and 3 will significantly overshadow the pocket park. Greater setbacks would reduce the mass of the buildings to ensure the park is usable in the cooler months.

Furzer St is an internal street that should be kept for pedestrians and human activity with traffic movements kept to a minimum. All cars should be directed to Melrose Drive via the shortest path possible (not Furzer St) to minimise car movements within the Town Centre.

Yours sincerely



Fiona Carrick
President, Woden Valley Community Council
19 February 2021

Unfortunately, the ground floor of The Melrose (building 2) is a car park.

